

2.90 Safe Child Policy

The Richland Community Library encourages children and families to use its facility together. When children are left unattended at the library problems can arise. The Library encourages parents and adults to consider the safety and well being of their children, and the needs of other library users of all ages.

Therefore, to protect children while using the library and to provide all patrons with a facility that is safe, pleasant and conducive to library use, the following guidelines must be observed.

1. A caregiver over the age of fourteen (14) must accompany persons under the age of ten (10). The caregiver is responsible for the behavior and supervision of children in their care while at the library.
2. The Library reserves the right to contact parents, guardians or proper authorities if minors are left unattended and require supervision, or if they are left unattended after closing.
3. The Library recommends that caregivers of children under the age of seven (7) stay within the line of sight of the children at all times.
4. Library staff cannot take legal responsibility for unattended children who have a medical emergency.
5. Staff cannot assume the responsibility of a child's care when they are in the library.